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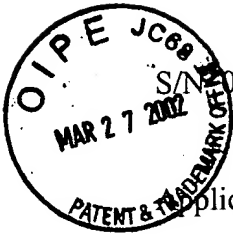
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application for patent as follows:

In the claims

Please cancel claims 1-7 and add new claims 8-17 to read as set forth below:

8. (New) A method for determining the presence of HCV antigens and/or anti-HCV antibodies in a sample, at the same time, in the same reaction vessel, comprising the steps of:
- contacting the sample with a molecule that binds specifically to HCV antigen to capture HCV antigen and with a peptide that binds specifically to anti-HCV antibodies to capture anti-HCV antibodies; and
  - detecting captured HCV antigens and/or captured anti-HCV antibodies.

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